

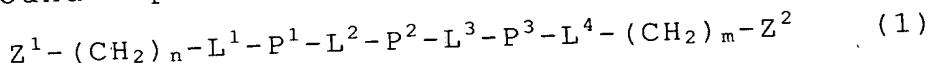
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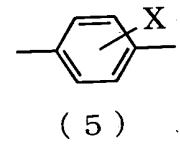
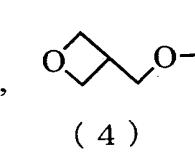
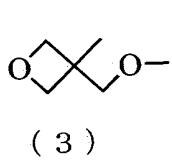
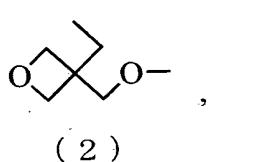
[Problem to be Solved by the Invention] To provide a novel liquid crystalline compound capable of providing an optical film having an excellent capability of retaining the aligned liquid crystal orientation which has been fixed and mechanical strength.

[Means for Solving the Problem]

The problem was solved with a liquid crystalline compound represented by the formula:



wherein  $Z^1$  and  $Z^2$  are each independently a group represented by any one of formulas (2), (3) and (4) below,  $L^1$ ,  $L^2$ ,  $L^3$ , and  $L^4$  each independently indicate direct bond or are a group represented by any of  $-O-$ ,  $-O-CO-$ , or  $-CO-O-$ ,  $P^1$  and  $P^2$  are each independently a group represented by formula (5) below, and  $P^3$  indicates direct bond or is a group represented by formula (5) below,  $n$  and  $m$  are each independently an integer of 0 to 8;



wherein  $X$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, or halogen.

[Chosen Drawing] Fig. 1